

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 275

By Stevens

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commemorate the Skullbone Store for nearly six decades of service to West Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is the privilege of this General Assembly to recognize those historic Tennessee businesses that not only contribute to the economy but are also a part of the cultural fabric of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such entity is the Skullbone Store, a well-known and beloved establishment that will soon close its doors for good after fifty-five years of hospitality and service to the people of West Tennessee and those who visited the store from around the world; and

WHEREAS, though the address is 1 Shades Bridge Road in Bradford, the store is the only establishment in the unincorporated community of Skullbone, so named on April 26, 1898, when a United States Post Office opened there; the post office remained operational until December 24, 1903; and

WHEREAS, as the only business currently operating in Skullbone, the Skullbone Store humorously boasts on its storefront that "City Hall" and the "Mayor's Office" are located therein; at the intersection of Skullbone Road and State Route 105 stands a famed sign post with various signs giving the mileage to such places as Calcutta, India, and Jerusalem, Israel; and

WHEREAS, for many years, Landon and Ruby Hampton have been the proprietors of the Skullbone Store, which is not only a marketplace but also a unique venue in which to grab lunch and catch up with old friends; and

WHEREAS, throughout the fifty-five years the store has been in operation, it has withstood the elements—tornadoes, storms, and snow—and remained an eclectic beacon of

Tennessee hospitality for locals as well as folks the world over, including governors, presidents, and countless famed artists; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that we recognize and honor this successful small business on this momentous occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and commend the Skullbone Store and owners Landon and Ruby Hampton for many years of service to the citizens of this State and beyond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.